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digital stations. Packet radio, if allocated special channels, would cause undue interference to thousands of other digital operations. The 40, 20 and 15 meter bands are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to much of the world. They are used by USA amateurs to contact other amateurs world-wide, 24 hours daily, and allocating a large amount of this spectrum to Packet radio operators would cause world-wide disruption on the frequencies.

The Amateur Radio Service has for years relied upon "gentlemen's agreements" without need of governmental oversight to insure a fair and equitable use of allocated frequencies. The Federal Communications Commission has for a number of years been philosophically opposed to additional regulation. Why should a mode, which is in its formative stages, be given special sub-bands that are occupied by users of other, more effective, means of communication?

The petition is question is seriously flawed. HF Packet should be encouraged to develop, but not by allocating special privileges to the operators of this mode. It is for this reason the petition as it presently stands should be rejected.

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